Me Offers to Retinquish the Leadership of the Democracy in Maryland Provided Mr. Abell Will Accept it and Support the Memocratic Ticket -He Will Not be a Candidate for Return to the Senate if Such as Shown to be Against the Interest of His Party

Baltimore, October 15.-United States Senator Gorman today issued an open letter to Edwin F. Abell, publisher of The Baltimore Sun, in which he offers to relinquish the leadership of the desnocracy in Maryland, provided Mr Abell will accept it and support the democratic ticket in the coming state and legislative campaign. He also int! mates that he will forego his ambition to succeed himself in the United States senate if it can be shown that such a step is necessary to democratic Buccess.

The letter, which is a very long one, reviews the course of The Sun in its opposition to Mr. Gorman because of his views upon civil service, tariff and ballot reform measures. To all the charges made against him upon this score, Mr. Gorman pleads guilty, but quotes The Sun as having admitted that such questions were largely matters of opinion and asserts that every man is free to think as he pleases resarding them. He defends his course in regard to all these questions and concludes with the following proposition:

"And now, Mr. Abell, let us pass to a question touching which there can be no misunderstanding. The statements and counter-statements, arguments and retorts-all this petty clash of provery little at the best. You have declared your undying devotion to the democratic party, and have said that my leadership, my personal ambitions, my selfish purposes, and these only. prevent you from restoring your newspaper to the service of the loyal people who originally made it rich and powerful by their patronage, their confidence, and their support. You have given Maryland to understand that but for me and the "bossism" your are pleased to attribute to me, you would bring back The Baltimore Sun to its old moorings and devote it to the exposition of democratic principles and the confusion and overthrow of the republican party in this state. You have stated in effect-certainly with the intent of being so understood-that you still love the democratic party, and still wish to see it predominate in Maryland, and you thereby involve yourself in a pledge to cast off your republican alliances, and labor heart and soul for the success of the democratic party as it will remain after being purged of me. "If you be sincere in this, the so-

lution of the difficulty is simple enough. If my aspirations, my leadership, my influence constitute the only obstacles to your return to the people who made your newspaper and founder your fortunes and gave reality to your position and your power, I stand ready to remove them. Office is less to me than you suppose. Political leadership is not so necessary to my happiness as you, in your ignorance of my character and motives, are pleased to say. Strange as it may see to you, I am willing to surrender every prospect of personal promotion if by so doing I can reunite the democratic party, restore to its ranks all their prestine strength and harmony, allay the dissensions and animosities that now exist and efface the humiliating spectacle presented by yourself and men of your way of thinking-the spectacle of the democratic party betrayed into the hands of the enemy by those whom democrats have in the past exalted and enriched. I do not undertake to say how much you or any other man may love the democratic party, but I know how much I love it, and I know that I have no personal ambition I will not sacrifice for its hencr and welfare. I know, too, that I have no affiliations, no engagements, no plans of any kind that could by any possibility embarrass me in making the proposed arrange-

"You may understand this as an overture of surrender on my part-as an admission that the democratic organization cannot hope for further life without your aid and countenance. I am prepared for that. I have been misunderstood by you so long and so unreasonably that a little more or less will count for nothing. As a matter of fact, I am satisfied that the people of Maryland have become disgusted with the two years of republican Maryland administration which you did so much to make possible, and that they are in the humor to make the end of the experiment. It is not only what has been done; it is also the extravagance and the corruption, which they see awaiting them in the event of a perpetuation of republican rule. They feel that every substantial interest in the state is Jeopardized, and they are determined. with or without your aid, to restore to power the democratic party, which has never hitherto betrayed them, and in whose hands they will feet their honor and their interests to be secure. As to this I have not the shadow of a doubt. But they want, also, a restoration of the former harmony of the party. They want to see the old lines restored and the old operations rehabilitated. And I owe them so much as to feel, not only willing, but anxious to consummate any wish of theirs, no matter at what cost to me

"Are you ready and willing and free to meet me on this ground in good faith, in all loyalty, without provisos or reservations, on the honor of a gentleman? Are you at liberty to take charge personally? personally, and through your agents, of the democratic campaign for the mayoralty of Baltimore, for the legislature, and for the succession to that place in the senate concerning which I have but one de-sire—that of seeing it filled by a democrat, whose loyalty to the party is unadvocate and uphold the principles to Liver IIIs. which you profess uselfish and sincere devotion? If you are, I am ready to meet you more than half way. Let me hear from you, and let our fellow Forthirty years Tutt's Pills have of our personal good faith and party loyalty therein.

Mr. Abell tonight declined to say what course he would pursue in the matter, or to express any opinion concerning the letter.

Balisbury Sun: The Salisbury cotton sour stomach, malaria, constipafact that the circus was in town. But thirteen of the weavers decided to see ion and all kindred diseases the circus, despite the fact that the mill continued to run. They walked out and their looms, fifty-three in number, were left standing. The boys are out yet and will probably remain out.

THE CRIMINAL COURT

Fifth Day of the Fall Term-George Johnson Found Guilty of Criminal Assault and This Morning Will be Sentenced to Be

Pursuant to adjournment on Thursday evening, the circuit criminal court met yesterday at 10 a. m., Judge Sutton presiding.

The trial of the State against George Johnson, colored, charged with criminal assault on Bertha Brewington, colored, which was began on Thursday was resumed and the testimony was concluded. Solicitor M. C. Richarson then stated the case for the State, and W. A. Moore, the colored lawyer, led off with a speech for about twenty-five minuts in defence of the accused. Solicitor Richardson then spoke and he

was followed by D. W. Evans, the wher colored lawyer for the defense. He spoke for more than a half hour. The colored congressman from the First district. George H. White, closed for the prosecution, in a speech of about

At 1:15 p. m., the court took a recess till 3:30 p. m. When the court reconvened Judge Sutton charged the jury and they retired at 3:30 p. m. In about ten minutes they returned a verdict of guilty. There was only one colored jurer and he was one of the first to agree to a verdict of guilty. Johnson heard the verdict without any apparent emotion. When the court meets this morning Judge Sutton will sentence Johnson to be hanged.

The court disposed of other cases as

State vs. J. H. McDonald, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of the costs. The same defentestation and impeachment-amount to dant was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Wm. Petteway, larceny, verdict guilty, sentenced to four months in the county jail. The county commissioners were authorized to hire him

State vs. Lucy J. Coleman, colored nuisance, verdict not guilty.

State vs. Joe Coleman, rocking a train, verdict guilty. The defendant being insolvent was discharged.

State vs. Harry Wright, larceny, mis-

State vs. Gully Jones, larceny, verdict guilty. Sentenced to sixty days in the county fail. The commissioners were authorized to hire him out. The court at 5:30 p. m., took a recess

till 10 o'clock this morning. Charles W. Dayton's Letter of Acceptance New York, October 15 .- The letter of acceptance of ex-Postmaster Charles W. Dayton, for comptroller on the Thomas Jefferson democracy ticket, which was made public tonight, is in

part as follows: "The administration of the office of comptroller of the second city of the world is one which necessarily affects the interests of the poorest as well as the richest citizen. It will involve a system of finance, not only of enormous magnitude, but of infinite detail, requiring industry, vigilance and executive arrangement of the highest obtainable kind. More than this, the comptroller must stand between thunderous attacks upon the city treasury and the welfare of the citizens who pay taxes that office along the lines here indicated, I will, if elected, give my undipossess. Agreeing, as I do, with many | Store. of the principles set forth in the platform of the democracy of Thomas Jefferson, I deem the main issue in the municipal campaign now confronting the people to be whether Crokerism shall for the next four years, rule our greater city. By Crokerism I mean an impious government in the hands of one man, who administers a principality solely through the agency of personal favorites, subserviency to his will, wishes and purposes, being the es-

ential test of fitness for office. "Until the people shall decide otherwise, I refuse to believe that this magnificent city, with all its attractions, its great future, its affairs, and its treasury, will be placed in the hands of any self-constituted ruler. Every instinct of manhood, self-respect, patriotism, civic pride and true democracy rebels against such a prospect. At all events, I rejoice at the opportunity which your nomination offers, to take

a stand against such a humiliation. "This issue of personal rule in party affairs is fundamental to the cause of popular government. If one man can control the action of a great party from the primaries to conventions, and thus secure practical ownership of men elected to office, we no longer have government of the people, for the people and by the people, but, instead, have a government of the people by a despot for its own purposes, whatever they may be. If this despotism shall be permitted, laudable political ambition will be stilled, political interest must suffer, popular government must cease and vassalage will take the place of

personal liberty. "The coming of Mr. Croker and his assumption of complete control of the democratic party of Greater New York; the autocratic methods pursued by him; the utter absence of any voice but his in the action of the conventions of the party; the stifling of even the right to be heard on the floor of conventions—all this seems to me to raise doubt as to whether or not we a living in a land of free men.'

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### VALUABLE PAPERS

IN STATE DEPARTMENTS TO BE RESCUED FROM OBLIVION

To Make a Collection of Autographs of the Governors-Cotton Pickers Getting in Good Work During the Pleasant Weather-Another Railway Rate War Predicted-Faircloth and Furches Attacked by Republican Paper for Showing Non-Partisanship on the Bouch Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel,

Raleigh, N. C., October 15. There are a great many valuable pa pers in the office of the state auditor which have for a great many years been without arrangement. Auditor Ayer has put Mr. Clark at work arranging these according to years. It is proposed to make a collection of autographs of each of the governors. The papers in the governor's office and in that of the secretary of state also need a careful arrangement.

E. S. Walton, republican, who is here, declares that John H. Pearson, Governor Russell's appointee as railway commissioner, has always been a democrat save during the administration of President Harrison.

The unseasonably warm weather continues. The cotton pickers are making the most of it. It is now estimated that about three-fourths of the crop is

The news that the Seaboard Air Line will make a big cut in passenger rates came quite as a surprise today. Some persons say it is the beginning of another rate war. Durham's water reservoir was ex-

hausted yesterday afternoon and water was pumped direct from the river, eight miles away. Frank P. Milburn, of Charlotte, is the

architect of the beautiful building at

Chapel Hill which the alumni of the

state university have subscribed for. A republican paper attacks Chief Justice Faircloth and Associate Justice Furches, of the supreme court, saying they were elected as republicans, but are worse than democrats; that the republicans are sorry they ever elected them. The paper in question simply desires judges to be, not judges, but partisans. The cause of its anger, it says, is the decision that the present insane asylum superintendents cannot be ousted.

A great deal of work is in progress in the interior of the Baptist state female university here. Rev. G. W. Ivey has for quite a while been nearly blind, but his sight is re-

stored by a very successful operation. The Wilbur Opera Company, after eighteen months of steady work, is taking a week's rest here. It appears here all next week.

At the state fair grounds an immense amount of work is in progress, much of which is invariably put off until the very last moment. At the Church of the Good Shepherd

here last evening, Miss Nellie Skinner, daughter of Mr. B. F. Skinner, of the Agricultural and Mechanical college was married to Mr. Frank Massey, son of Professor W. F. Massey, of the same college. Miss Nannie Skinner was maid of honor.

### Electric Butters

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## BOUNDARY LIVE DISPUTE

The Fight Again On Between Maryland and Virginia Over Line on Chesapeake

Richmond, Va., October 15.-Governor Lowndes, of Maryland, has informed Governor O'Ferrall that in his opinion it is necessary to have the boundary line between Maryland and Virginia in the Pocoomoke sound and river established and that he himself will have the matter attended to. Governor Lowndes in his letter says in part:

"While I believe the work of re-marking the boundary line should be carried on under the joint supervision of and at the joint expense of the states of Maryland and Virginia, yet, in view of the evident disinclination of the state of Virginia to take part in this work, and because of the absolute necessity that the boundary line should be so marked as to leave no further ground for controversy, I have to advise your excellency that I will at once cause the boundary line, as laid down by the Black and Jenkins award, to be located and permanent beacons or other marks placed thereon, in order that the same may be easily designated.' The matter referred to has been re-

peatedly investigated by both the states concerned, and Virginia has always taken the ground that the present boundary line is the one laid down by the Black and Jenkins award. Four years ago, the legislatures of both states appointed special committees who went over the ground very carefully, and the Virginia committee afterwards reported in favor of retaining the existing boundary line. The Maryland people decline to accept this line.

Drawing to a Close Chicago, October 15.-The intensely hot weather of today has but little effect upon the attendance at the Luetgert trial. The court room was packed and hundreds of persons were unable to gain admittance. Attorney Vincent, chief counsel for the defense, continued his address to the jury. His arguments were principally directed toward the "reasonable doubt" as to the death of Mrs. Luetgert. He vigorously attacked the police officials for their alleged brow beating of witnesses particularly addressed to him from Scranton, Pa., in the case of Mary Siemmering, whom he declared the defendant had treated more like a daughter than an employe. The witnesses for the prosecution were held up to scorn and Judge Vincent declared that the prosecution had done nothing but throw mud at his client while the defense had been engaged in scraping it off.

his address at tomorrow's session. On Monday State's Attorney Deneen will make a five hours' speech and the case will doubtless be given to the jury late

Tuesday. Winston Sentinel: We are informed that a young man was stricken with paralysis yesterday while visiting a young lady friend. The services of a physician were summoned and the young man was taken to his home. He is improving today. We did not learn his MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

The Falling of Pinetering in an Opera House Causes a Stampede Followed by Persons Killed

Cincinnati, October 15.-Abought 8:50 o'clock tonight as the performance at Robinson's opera house began, the plastering began to fall from the centre of the dome ceiling forty and fifty feet above the pople in the parquette. This continued three minutes, causing a rush out of the house. The house and galleries were partially emptied when the dome in the centre of the roof with its supporting timbers and trusses came lumbering down. This extended clear across the opera house and was about thirty feet wide. When it fell the ends of it struck either side of the gallery, crushing it and scattering timbers in every direction and landing in the center of the parquette. Scarcely anybody was hurt in the gallery, nobody was hurt in the balcony or dress circles. There were very few in the gallery at the time. The injured are those who had not escaped from the parquette. The theatre tonight presents the appearance of a disorderly pile of old lumber. Chairs in the parquette are badly demolished.

There are three dead and thirty-three more or less seriously injured, who are at the Cincinnati hospital, while many suffered slight injuries, but were able to go to their homes

Cincinnati, October 15.—"The dangers of a great city," on the stage of Robinson's opera house tonight was cut short in its performance by a tragic realization of the actual dangers of a great city. The house was fairly well filled, but not crowded. A little before 8:50 o'clock tonight, a lady in the audience says she heard a creeping noice which continued for five minutes before the catastrophe. Presently the plastering began to fall, in small particles at first. After a while the plastering began to shower down in great chunks. It came from the ceiling which supported the dome. There was a rush from the gallery which was not very well filled. The balcony was soon emptied. Those in the dress circle retired as promptly as possible and, strange to say, without panic. crowding of these to the doors obstructed the passage of people from the paraquette, which accounts in a measure for the number of casualties. Suddenly the great central truss of the ceiling, eighly feet long and thirty feet wide, came plunging down. The ends of it struck on the two gallery wings, sending them down into the paraquette.

Nothing on the stage was harmed. The list at the hospital showed three dead, five dangerously, if not fatally wounded, and twenty-six more or less a large number, probably twenty-five or thirty, were so slightly injured as to be able to walk home. Of the dangerously injured at the hospital amputation will be necessary in several cases. A score of surgeons volunteered their assistance to the hospital corps. A sufficient number was accepted. The scene in front of the hospital door was a sad one. Hundreds of people gathered there clamoring for the names of the

At the opera house ropes were stretched across all approaching streets and the police had all they could do to keep the crowd of seven or eight thousand people from crushing through. The damage to the theatre is comparatively small.

Tonight's disaster recalls the one which happened in the same house in 1876, when a score or more were killed and many injured during a panic which ensued from a needless call of fire. The cause of the disaster was the rotting away of the roof trusses.

Savannah, Ga., April 26, 1896. Having used three bottles of P. P. P. for impure blood and general weakness and having derived great benefit from the same, having gained 14 pounds in weight in four weeks, I take great pleasure in recommending it to all unfortunate like Yours truly,

JOHN MORRIS. Office of J. N. McElroy, Druggist, Orlando, Fla., April 20, 1891. Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga. Dear Sirs:-I sold three bottles of P. P. P. large size yesterday, and one bottle small size today.

The P. P. cured my wife of rheumatism winter before last. It came back on her the past winter and a half bottle, \$1 size, relieved her again, and she has not had a symptom since. I sold a bottle of P. P. P. to a friend of mine, one of the turkies, a small one, took sick and his wife gave it a teaspoonful, that was in the evenir and the little fellow turned over like h was dead, but next morning he was hollow-

ing and well. Yours respectfully, J. N. McELROY. Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891. Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga. Dear Sirs:-I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time and did not find a cure until Ifound P. P. P., which completely cured me. Yours truly,

A Suicide or Murder

ELIZA JONES, 16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga.

Baltimore, October 15 .- A man supposed to be Simon Hesser, of Savannah, Ga., was either murdered or committed suicide by throwing himself from the window of a lodging house at No. 214 North Calvert street tonight. The dead man was about 45 years of age and nothing is known concerning him, except that he came to the lodging house early this evening and secured a room. Nothing more was seen of him until his body was found in the rear yard. He was unconscious and died within an hour. Upon his person were found a pair of handcuffs, a bottle of nitroglycerine, a revolver and two tickets to Bremen on the North German Lloyd steamship line, made out for "Simon Hesser, an adult." A ticket from Baltimore to Savannah, dated today, was also found in his pockets, and letters and other points were among his effects.

Savannah, Ga., October 15.-Simon Hesser who was found dead in Baltimore tonight, left Savannah Thursday by steamer for Baltimore. His mission was to take a demented German sailor named Franck, to Germany. The steamer was due in Baltimore today. Mr. Vincent probably will conclude Both Hesser and the lunatic were about 45 years of age, and it is hard to decided here whether Hesser has committed suicide, or been murdered by the lunatic. The sailor went crazy on board a ship that came into port a few days ago on which he came near killing the captain. Hesser was a deputy sheriff and was commissioned by a charitable institution here to accompany the demented sailor to his home. It is thought by the police here that the dead man is more probably the lunatic FORTY-NINB NEW CASES

the Falling in of the Dome-Only Three YELLOW FEVER RECORD FOR NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY

> Three Deaths From the Disease-A False Alarm Frightens the People of Montgomery, Ala.,-All the Alleged Cases at Galveston Discharged-A Negro Lyached for Running the Quarantine-Reports From Other Infected Cities.

> New Orleans, October 15.-Fever cases rolled up rapidly today. By 1 o'clock there had been seventeen reported; by o'clock there were thirty-six, and by there were forty-nine and three deaths, so that early in the evening the prospects were excellent that this day would show the high water mark. The large number of cases, however, did not represent a corresponding increase in foci. From a single house on Bourbon street, four cases were reported in a bunch by Dr. Fomento, and in his official statement to the board, the doctor wrote that, some what remarkable to say, the cases were taken almost simultaneously.

The cases as usual are confined to no particular locality. An excellent feature of the situation, however, is that recoveries and discharges of patients are numerous. This is the fortleth day of the fever, and this afternoon the total number of recoveries exceeded the total number of cases now under treatment, showing the success which local physicians are meeting with in treating the cases. The weather bureau reported a storm in the gulf today with possibilities of its reaching New Orleans. It has not arrived here yet, though the weather is a trfle cooler this evening, but it is still warm enough to rapidly develop cases. The weather bureau says that up to the present, October weather is about on an average. Frost cannot reasonably be expected inside of a month. Jacksonville, Miss., October 15 .- Dr. Birchett reports from Edwards, one white and seven colored cases but no

Dr. Waldauer reports no new cases and no deaths, and the sick generally doing The report from Clinton is that there

is but one case under treatment. There is no report from Nitta Yuma. The board of health was advised from Utica that there were six suspicious cases at Cayuga, and has sent Dr. Dunn from Edwards to investigate. Mobile, Ala., October 15-Five new cases

of yellow fever and no deaths were reported today. There were eight recoev eries. The record is: Total cases to date 152, deaths 21, recoveries 93, remaining under treatment 38. New Orleans, October 15.-Douglas Boulte, a negro leader, was lynched at

a small settlement on Bayou Barataria, about fifteen miles from this city today. man of the Southeastern Passenger His offense was running the quarantine Association; C. P. Atmore, general Galveston, Texas, October 15.-The last of the yellow fever cases passed on by Dr. Guiteras was discharged today. Of the four cases reported as suspicious, two are discharged, one is convalescent

and the fourth is doing well. Physicians report the dengue epidemic dying out. Several towns near Galveston and Houston have raised their quarantine. Montgomery, Ala., October 15 .- Owing to rumors of a suspicious case of yellow fever in Montgomery several of the sarrounding towns have quarantined against her. The Advertiser interviewed every doctor in the city today. Each one declared, he not only did not have a case of yellow fever among his patients, but that there was not even a suspicious case in Montgomery. The board of health met and confirmed their report, as announced the Associated Press this morning,

that there is no yellow fever here. Some malarial fever is in the town, but not as much as is usual at this season of the year. Every one of these cases have yielded to the treatment, and in three or four days have recovered. There was quite an uneasy feeling in the town today and several hundred people left, but there is no panic.

Hester's Cotton Report New Orleans, October 15.-Secretary Hester's estimate of the world's visible supply of cotton is 1,890,694 bales, against 1,667,470 last week and 2,659,859 last year. Of the former amount 1,727,-694 were American.

Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement shows a decrease of 34,000 bales in the movement into sight, compared with the same week last year. The total movement for the forty-five days from September 1st to date was 1,900,339 bales, against 2,194,728 last year. The movement September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports of 1,385,767 bales, against 1,622,018 last year; over land to northern mills and Canada 113,663, against 141,597 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 247,188, against 283 802 last year; southern mill takings, exclusive of the amount consumed at ports 153,721, against 147,221 last year. Foreign exports for the week have been 128,480 bales, against 106,793 last year, making the total thus far for the season 712,255 against 676,556 last year, or an increase of 35,699. The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada for the season, were 433,024 bales against 427,170 last year. Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading southern interior centres have in creased during the week 138,135 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 259,184. Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 2,016,893 bales, against 2,533, 277 for the same period last year.

Competitor Case Before Spanish Cabinet Madrid, October 15 .- The Spanish cabinet today discussed the case of the American schooner, Competitor, which was captured in Cuban waters on April 25, 1896, consideration of which, owing to the fear which Premier Canovas del Castillo had of stirring up action upon the part of the congress of the United States, was postponed by the late government. The cabinet today ordered the ministers of foreign affairs, the navy and the colonies to examine the documents in the case, with the view of its eventual settlement by the courts.

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BRYAN AND RUSSELL

This is Butler's Presidential Ticket for 1900-High Price Secured for Raleigh Bonds-Companies Incorporated

(Special to The Meessenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 15 .- The secretary of state grants charters to the following companies: Pamlico Tobacco Company, of Washington, with power to make its capital \$50,000; the Albemarle Telephone Company, of Stanly county, with right to operate a line to Concord and other points; Citizens' Cooperative Company, of Raleigh, to conduct a grocery business, the latter company being composed of a great number of railway employes.

Reports from 100 of the 183 cotton mills in this state which spin and weave, say they consume 325,000 pounds of cotton daily.

Otho Wilson makes the positive assertion, and says he can prove it, that there is an agreement between Governor Russell and Senator Butler that the former shall be vice president on the national ticket with W. J. Bryan

Bids for Raleigh street, 5 per cent., thirty year, improvement bonds were opened at noon today. There were eighteen of them and three came in after the opening. The upset price of the bonds was 106. Estabrook & Co., of Boston, got all the issue at 109 1-3, with accrued interest. All bids were remarkably high. New city bonds have never sold at such a premium.

### Argument Begon in the Perry Murder Trial (Special to The Messenger.)

Clinton, N. C., October 15 .- All the evidence in the Perry murder case was heard today. A large number of witnesses were introduced by both the prosecution and the defense. Each contradicted the other in material points. At 4 o'clock the evidence was all in and argument was begun by C. C. Lyon for the defense, who spoke for an hour and a half. Court, at the conclusion of his argument, adjourned until tomorrow morning, when the argument will be resumed. There will be three speeches for the prosecution and four for the defense. The case will go to the jury tomorrow evening.

Railway Rates to Southern Winter Resorts Cincinnati, October 15.-C. F. Donald, chairman of the Central Passenger Association; Joseph Richardson, chair-Nashville; W. C. Rinarson, general passenger agent of the Queen and Crescent route; Charles F. Stone, of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois; A. O. McDonald, of the Florida Central and Peninsular; F. P. Coyle, of the Southern railway, and other southern railway passenger agents, met here with the general passenger agents north of the Ohio river and decided on the same rates to southern winter resorts as prevailed last year.

Noted Burglars Cuptured Chicago, October 15.-Chief of Detectives Colleran and four of his men have effected one of the most important captures of criminals recorded for years past. As a result of the efforts of the officers, four of the most successful and daring burglars of the United States and Canada are under arrest, and \$25,000 worth of stolen property is in the hands of the police awaiting identification. The men under arrest are: "Sheeny Joe" Rubenstein, the leader and brains of the gang; James Williams, Harry Rogers and James Flaherty. Letters in the men's possession, which have passed between them, showed they had been taking a flying trip from coast to coast, robbing

Ireland's Population Still Declines (St. Louis Globe-Demovrat.)

right and left.

Ireland's population continues to decline. The official figures for last year are 4,560,378. In 1845 they were 8,295,061, falling below 7,000,000 in 1850, below 6,000,000 in 1856, and below 5,000,00 in 1884. The excess of births over deaths last year was 31,941, and the loss by immigration 38,995. Nearly all the emigrants were in the prime of life. The extremely poor crops this year will increase the emigration, and the island will suffer a further decline in popula-

Suicide of a Young Lady

Washington, October 15.-Maud Badgley, a clerk in the general land office, committed suicide this morning by jumping from Cabin John's bridge. about six miles west of this city. The drop to the ravine below the bridge is about 125 feet. The motive for the suicide, her friends say, was despondency, due to her physical condition. She came here with her parents about ten years. ago from Scoharie county, New York.

Boyal Arch Mason Adjourn

Baltimore, October 15.-The general grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, adjourned finally today after a brief morning session at which the principal business was the election of Dr. William F. Kuhn, grand high priest of Missouri, general grand master of the first veil, thus completing the list of officers.

State University Gossip

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Chapel Hill, N. C., October 16. The past week has been one of hard practice for the 'varsity eleven and every day they show more thoroughly the outcome of their training. The class teams have also been getting in good work and they will in a few days begin the inter-class contests. The Fresh, and Soph, classes had a very good game of foot ball this evening. Soon others will join in the contests. Last Thursday night in Girard Hall Professor William Cain gave a very instructive and entertaining lecture on "The Kalevala (the Epic poem of the Finns) and What It May Teach Us." A good number of the village people were out, besides many students.

The building committee of the alumni hall awarded the contract for the foundation of the new building, in Raleigh last week. The work is to commence by November 1st and to be completed by May 1, 1898. The site has not as yet been selected. Two are in consider-ation, one facing the South building and completing the quardrangle with the South, Old East and Old West. The other is a short distance north of the Old East and facing the chemical lab-oratory. This latter site is much more preferred by the studenta as the first would ruin the whole coilege campus view and detract from the general appearance, while the latter would add beauty all around. It is to be hoped that the latter will be chosen.

Friday night in the gymnasium hall he university german club gave a delightful german. Many of the falor sex from the village and neighboring towns were present. All had a most delight-ful time and the dancing continued un-

till 'the "wee sma' hours."